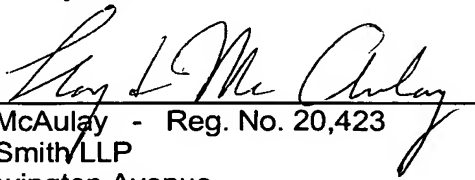


## REMARKS

The above amendment is submitted to eliminate the multiple dependency of Claims 3, 5, 8-9, 12, 14, 16-18 and 21-24 in order to reduce the filing fee. Entry into the application is earnestly solicited.

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